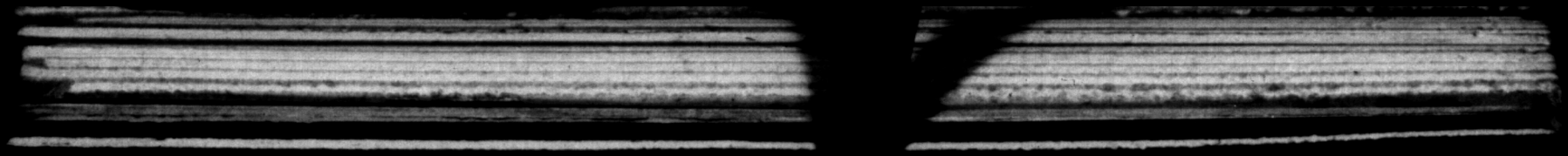

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FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

CALHOUN COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

September 16th and 17th, 1924.

The Next Session Of The Association Will Be Held With The Derma Baptist Church at Derma, Beginning at 9:00 A. M., on Tuesday After Second Sunday in September, 1925

Officers:

REV. C. H. ELLARD, Moderator, - - - Vardaman,
E. A. DYE, Clerk - - - - - - - Vardaman.
A. L. ROANE, Treasurer, - - - - - Sarepta.

Executive Board—Same as Officers

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Roll of Churches and Delegates

Antioch (Cal.)—J. I. Adams, J. L. A. Henry, Hill Roane.

Antioch (La.)—J. H. Tallent, W. S. Adams, Lera Tallent.

Banner—W. H. McGuire, L. A. Smith, T. R. McGuire.

Bethany—J. D. Lane, D. S. Patterson, J. Doler.

Big Creek—C. C. Provine, H. E. Murphree, J. E. Moore.

Calhoun City—Tilden Pryor, T. H. Alexander, C. K. H. Byars.

Concord—S. L. Spradling, H. E. Robinson, W. F. Whitworth.

College Hill—N. S. Reese, W. W. Naron, A. E. Ferguson.

Derma—L. G. Hollis, J. C. Spence, Mrs. L. G. Hollis.

Duncan Hill—I. F. Vanlandingham, H. L. Walls.

Gaston Springs—K. Morgan, C. E. Murphree.

Macedonia—J. L. Chrestman, Jim Stribbling, R. E. Barton.

Meridian—C. E. Spratlin, Willie Brand, E. A. Dye.

Mt. Tabor—S. E. Wooten, G. Hallum, J. B. Wooten.

Midway—W. A. Sanderson, Grady Morgan, Alford Langston.

Mt Moriah—T. Shepherd, J. E. Bratton, Cecil Bratton.

Mt. Comfort—L. L. Burgess, Z. R. Hastings, J. L. Smallwood.

New Liberty—G. T. Evans, R. W. Brown

Old Town—G. W. Kilgore, J. F. Bryant, Tom Long.

Parker—L. M. McKibben, M. Mays, H. Steward.

Pittsboro—J. L. Johnson, A. A. Bruner, Mrs. Edna Strain.

Pilgrims Rest—M. D. Lantrip, M. L. Burt, E. B. Collums.

Providence—O. S. Hamilton, J. O. Gables, T. P. McCullough.

Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Laura Lantrip, Joyce Henderson, W. Winter.

Poplar Springs—J. A. Burt, G. B. Vance, A. H. Morgan.

Rocky Mount—W. Burt, H. H. Green, L. E. McGregor.

Shiloh—

Spring Creek—Oris Gore, Will Nevins, James Davis.

Turkey Creek—

Vardaman—Mrs. H. D. Young, Mrs. H. B. Morrow, Miss Estelle Boddie.

Bentley—

New Prospect—

Ordained Ministers

J. L. Roane, Water Valley,
J. F. McPhail, Slate Springs,
S. E. Carter, Slate Springs,
J. F. Mitchell, Calhoun City,
C. H. Ellard, Vardaman,
S. R. Haughton, Buna Vista,
L. E. Roane, Rover, Ark.,
J. T. Sargent, Derma.
W. W. Simpson, Calhoun City.
J. J. Hallums, Calhoun City,
A. F. Brasher, Sarepta,
J. H. McGregor, Reid,
J. M. Spikes, Derma,
Weson M. Crocker, Oxford, Miss.,
Fernando Haire, Pittsboro,
J. B. Middleton, Slate Springs,
M. C. Putnam, Calhoun City.

Liscensed Ministers

E. E. Lunceford, Slate Springs,
W. L. Bridges,
Lafayette Hill, Vardaman.

MINUTES

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Calhoun County Baptist Association met in its 49th annual sesion with the Bethany church, Tuesday morning, September 16th, 1924 at 9:30.

After a devotional service conducted by Brother A. A. Bruner who read the 53rd chapter of Isaih, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

By motion, Brethren W H. McGuire, Ed Williams and Tilden Pryor were appointed as a committee on digest of letters.

By motion the body went into an election of officers for the ensuing year, by acclamation, which resulted in the choice of Rev. C. H. Ellard, Moderator; E. A. Dye, Clerk; A L. Roane, Treasurer.

Rev. S. E. Carter was appointed a committee on finance.

Called for correspondence, when T. W. Green, representing the State Board, Miss Margaret Slaughter, of the W. M. U., Rev. J. B. Middleton, Rev. L. F. Dorrah, and Rev. R. L. Cook, of Zion Association were welcomed.

Report on the Orphanage was read and discussed by Rev. J. M. Spikes. Report was adopted

By motion the regular order of business was suspended for the introductory sermon by the alternate Rev. J. M. Spikes, who used Luke 9-62, as a text.

By motion the body adjourned one and one half hours for refreshments. Dismissed by Rev. J. H. McGregor.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing. By motion Big Creek church was received into the body, on a petitionary letter.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by A. H. Morgan; report of Home Missions was read by L. E. Roane; discussed jointly by T. W. Green, L. E. Roane, and adopted.

Committee on Nominations was appointed as follows: J. M. Spikes, chairman; M. D. Lantrip and J. B. Going.

Report on Hospitals read by T. H. Alexander, T. W. Green,

and adopted.

Report on Layman's Work read by L. E. Roane; discussed by L. E. Roane, S. L. Spradling, A. E. Ferguson, J. T McPhail, T. H. Alexander, J. L. Johnson, and adopted

M. C. Puttman, of Chickasaw Association, was welcomed as a corresponding delegate.

By suggestion a collection amounting to Fifty Dollars was taken to help defray the expenses of Rev. W. W. Simpson in The Clarke Memorial College.

By motion the body stood adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by A. A. Bruner.

SECOND DAY SESSION

Association came together at 9:00 a. m., by singing.

Rev. J. T. Sargeant conducted a devotional exercise, reading the 103rd Psalm. The Association was called to order by Moderrator.

Report on Christian Education was read by A. E. Fergson, and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by A. A. Bruner, and discussed by A. E. Ferguson.

Miss Marguerite Slaughter discussed W. M. U. work.

Round table discussions on 75 Million Campaign led by Rev. T. W. Green and Rev. J. M. Spikes.

Regular business was suspended at 11:20 for a sermon by Rev. J. H. McGregor. Theme: Temptation of Our Savior.

Motion to adjourn 1 hour for refreshment.

Dismissed by Rev. J. M. Spikes.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing. Called for reading of Minute Digest. At this time a quilt made by Mrs. Mary Anne Parker was offered for sale. One half of the proceeds to be paid her, the remainder to be used as aid for the orphanage and ministers. The Asociation paid $25.00 for quilt. The same will be sent to the orphanage and funds distributed as directed.

Report on Sunday School read by Rev. J. T. Sargeant, and discussed by Revs. J. T. Sargeant J. T. McPhail and L. F. Dorrah, and adopted.

By Motion, the report on Nominations be adopted; by motion, Treasurer's report be adopted; by motion Clerk was requested to have 500 Minutes published.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Derma Church at Derma, beginning Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in September, 1925, at 9:00 a. m.

C. H. ELLARD, Moderator,
E. A. DYE, Clerk.
A. L. ROANE, Treasurer,

REPORTS

Christian Education

In order to see the importance of Christian Education it is necessary to know what the term means. As I see it, a Christian education is an education that leads the student to a knowledge of God as taught in the Bible and to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as a personal Savior.

Usually in discussing this subject in our associations we confine ourselves to our higher institutons such as our state denominational colleges and our seminaries. However, I believe that we should go back beyond that and include our public and high schools. Not that any sectarian or denominational principle should be taught or even discussed, but that those basic christian principles that are necessary in building character should be held up daily before our boys and girls while lasting impressions are easly made. I believe that it should be the sense of all trustees of public schools that the teachers should be christians and members of some evangelical church.

I believe that it should be the sentiment and decision of this Association that we go back to our homes and get more solidly behind our public schools and see that those things that tend to lead to reverence for sacred things and faith in the teachings of the Bible should be encouraged in our schools. Our teachers need the support, encouragement and prayers of the christian people.

Of our higher institutions the following are the leading ones that we are giving of our means to support: Mississippi College, founded in 1826; under Baptist control since 1850. Enrollment last year 522; graduates last year 85; member of Southern Association of Colleges which gives her a better standing than formerly; amount spent last year for improvements $15,000. Needs a new administration building and an increased endowment.

Mississippi Woman's College, established 12 years ago, with two wooden buildings and a faculty of 9. It, today, has a faculty of 35, eight large buildings and a 40 acre campus.

Blue Mountain College. This splendid Institution is beginning her 52nd year; is well equipped and well known in this asso-

ciation. She has an army of former students and graduates scattered through this and other states doing a splendid work for the Master.

Hillman College is owned by Baptists and endorsed by the State Convention.

Clark Memorial College. Co-educational Junior College offers four years accredited high school and four years college work. Lost her administration building last year but has a new $50,000 fire proof structure now going up. Clarke College needs our support.

In additon to these state colleges, we have the Baptist Bible Institute located at New Orleans; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

It is my sincere belief that our denomination is suffering great loss each year by so many of our Baptist parents sending their boys and girls t oother than our denominational colleges. I have no fight to make on other schools. They are doing a fine work as far as they go. They are not supposed to take up the things you and I believe, and teach them. If we want our young people developed morally and religiously we must put them where they will come under that influence. Our denominationai colleges are offering as high class of literary work as any other colleges and in addition are giving special attention to the development of the spiritual part of our being.

Last year eight young men answered the call to preach during the session at Mississippi College.

Brethren let us open our hearts and purses to these institutions that we are fosterng and send our boys and girls there to get the training necessary for a larger and better life of leadership.

Report on Foreign Missions

What part ought Foreign Missions to have in the life of the church and the individual believer?

A very prominent part. Our Lord's last command to His

disciples was: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." Matt. 28: 19. It was in connection with this work that he promised His own personal fellowship. He said that when we do this, "Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world." If then, the individual believer wishes to have personal fellowship with Jesus Christ, he must go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations. He may not be able to go in person, but in that case he may go by his gifts and by his prayers. Any christian who is not deeply interested in foreign missions is not in fellowship with Jesus Christ.

Since a true church is a company of obedient believers, what is true of each believer, will be true of the church, with the added power and blessing that issues from co-operation.

We at home, have as hard work to do for missions as those who are "Over-there," if we will only get a vision of the work and do it in His name. To hold the ropes and lengthen the chords and strengthen the stakes and thus give them the needed money to carry the message of the life of Jesus into the hearts of people steeped in ignorance and illiteracy, darkness and superstition and cause the wilderness to blossom as the rose in school, churches, hospitals and with teachers and preachers, just as an army of matchless courage marching on for Him.

When it comes to giving we must face the fact that the church member's average annual gift for Foreign Missions is less than one dollar per capita. Only about half of the membership of the average church participates in the gifts for missions. and many pastors make no adequate effort to reach the other half.

When we think of the seamen, sailors, deafmutes, blind and destitutes, who possibly have never heard of the name of Jesus, we are reminded of the scripture, "He that winneth souls is wise, and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars of the firmament and I say, O, people let us hold the ropes and let us hold hard, with gifts and prayer and with all the loyalty of one who feels that the greatest gift to man has been given and we must not accept that gift without making all the sacrifice we know and can for Him who gave His life that we might have remission of sin.

MRS. R. H. MORGAN.

Report on Ministerial Education

There is no more important man in organized society than the preacher of the Gospel. His position is pre-eminent. He is to be a leader in all that is for the uplift and development of his people to whom he ministers.

His ability to lead and help will be in proportion to his development of heart and mind. His work is above the ordinary, as it has to do with the spiritual and eternal destiny of men. Ministerial education means also a correct view of divine things, as well as the knowledge of the sciences of men. This can only be gained by a prayerful study of the Bible. No man can tell what he has never known. There never was so high a premium put on trained men in every branch of activity. We have three prominent institutions for our trainng and development. The home, the church, and the school. All three are necessary for making efficient ministers of the Gospel. The increased education among the masses, the open attack upon the Bible, and the fundamentals of our Holy religion require cultured men to defend the faith and properly lead the people. We urge every young preacher, and every christian worker to take advantage of the opportunities offered at our various denominational schools for training that will make them more efficient in the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,
PITTSBORO CHURCH.

Report on Orphanage

Our Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss.,—our home for homeless orphan children—is one of our denominational institutions that should claim the most earnest attention and co-operation of every Baptist in Mississipp. They not only relieve suffering of body and mind of the children who come into the orphanage—many of whose lives are saved by giving them proper care at the right time—but they relieve the anxiety and really heal physical and mental suffering of many mothers, who are breaking down under the burden which they cannot carry, and in many instances doubtless save the life of mothers. They not only minister to the children physically, but they are taught religiously and almost every one of them, by the time they arrive at the age of

accountability, are lead to trust in Jesus.

About eleven hundred have passed through the home, most of whom are now out in the world and generally are making good citizens, home-makers, and home keepers. They are careing for regularly now, 170 to 180 children. These children must be fed, clothed and schooled. It ought to be the joy of Baptists of Mississippi to give them the best possibile opportunity. We learn from the superintendent that their crops are unusually short on account of dry weather and the finances are short on account of the failure on the part of many, to pay their pledges to the Campaign, which pledges, if paid, will handsomely care for our children. Let me urge our people to make an earnest effort to pay their pledges. The master has said "As much as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me." So let us use the free cars freely, especially in sending in to our Home, corn to make up for the short crop, and any of our produce that they can use, together with all kinds of dry goods, groceries, canned goods, clothing, hose for large girls and boys, towels, soap, tablets, pencils and any thing else that can be used in any other home. And let us pray for the blessings of our Heacenly Father upon the children and the management.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. G. BALDWIN, For Derma Church.

Report on Laymen's Work

Laymen's work is properly called the practical work of the church. The preacher cannot do the work of the layman any more than the layman can do the work of the preacher. What they must do if they carry out the great commandment: Love God with all the heart, mind, soul and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself, is to co-operate. The preacher can make plans for a great protracted meeting, for the organization of a Sunday School and for the Mission work of the church at home and in foreign lands; but these plans are of little or no value without the help of the laymen. Too much stress can not be placed on the importance of laymen's work.

Preachers, as a rule ,are less easily discouraged than others. There is nothing, however as discouraging to a pastor as the fail-

ure on the part of the laymen to come in to carry on their part of the church work whether it be praying, singing, testifying, teaching in Sunday School, leading prayer meeting, or conducting a campaign for the relief of the suffering among the members of the church, or any other kind of Christian work. It is a lamented fact that the layman's work of the country church is badly neglected. Young converts are not trained for service. It is a well-known fact that the laymen of the country churches pay their pastors too little. So they are forced to work till they have no time or energy to study in order to have a real message, to inspire and lead the people. As the late Bro. Lee Linder used to say, "poor pay, poor preach." This is still true. The religious life of the country as a whole, is at a low ebb. The whole people seem to be runnng after many other things besides the church and practical christianity. This is wrong and the fault lies, in a large measure, with the laymen, because they fail to co-operate.

May the day soon come when the laymen will accept at least a part of the blame for the existing conditions, and take up the Cross and remember the Bible injunction, "Quit ye like men; be strong.

MRS. VANGIE JOHNSON, For Concord Church.

Report on Nominations

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Derma Church, and recommend that Rev. S. E. Carter preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. C. H. Ellard as alternate. We recommend that we send Rev. E. E. Lunceford as a delegate, and Rev. C. H. Ellard as alternate, to represent us at the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend for member of the State Board, Mr. Tilden Pryor.

J. M. Spikes, J. B. Going, M. D. Lantrip.

Committee Assignments

Christian Education, Pittsboro; Ministerial Education, Derma; Foreign Missions, Calhoun City; Home Missions, Bethany; State Missions, Poplar Springs; Sunday Schools, Meridian; Orphanage, Concord; Ministerial Relief, Banner; Prohibition, Mt.

Moriah; B. Y. P. U. Work, Vardaman; Laymen's Work, Midway; Hospitals, Old Town; Religious Literature, Shiloh; W. M. U. Work, Pleasant Ridge.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the Calhoun County Baptist Association, desire to expres our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Bethany church for their excellent hospitality shown during this session of the body.

C. H. ELLARD, Moderator,
E. A. DYE, Clerk,
A. L. ROANE, Treasurer.

Inasmuch as the all-day singings on Sundays interfere with our church work, and as the local churches have control of the matter,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Calhoun County Association, recommend to the local churches that they cease holding all-day singings on Sundays, and hold same some other day instead.

J. M. SPIKES.

Treasurer's Report

Antioch	$ 13.75
Antioch (La.)	2.95
Banner	85.00
Big Creek	3.00
Calhoun City	600.00
Concord	72.25
Derma	360.61
Duncan Hill	4.00
Gaston Springs	14.65
Meridian	106.05
Mt. Tabor	6.65
New Prospect	4.50
Old Town	11.00
Pilgrim's Rest	35.00
Pittsboro	148.00
Pleasant Ridge	26.89
Poplar Springs	6.50
Rocky Mount	40.00
Sarepta	2.50
Spring Creek	4.10
Vardaman	36.00
Public Collections	15.41
Total	$1,588.81

Disbursements—

Paid R. B. Gunter,	$1212.79
Paid J. R. Carter	15.41
Total	$1228.20

A. L. ROANE, Treasurer.

Memorial Page

Antioch—S. Harris.

Calhoun City—Mrs. E. A. Boland, H. J. Burson, Luther See, J. E. Martin.

Concord—Rev. J. F. McKibben.

Macedonia—John Bryant.

Mt. Tabor—John Martin, David Hallum.

Midway—Sarah Blue.

Mt. Moriah—Lee Cannon.

Old Town—Oma Harrelson.

Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Emma Collums.

Poplar Springs—Early Brown, Grace Vance, D. G. Bray.

Rocky Mount—Mart Murphree.

Shiloh—Mrs. Beatrice Riley.

Sarepta—Ella Clark, John Wilson, L. C. Mills.

Vardaman—Ida Harrelson, Fannie Dye, J. D. Richards, F. R. Nowlin.

Churches, Pastors and Clerks

Turkey Creek and Union Grove not reported

Churches	Pastors	Post office	Clerk	Post office
Antioch (Cal)	J. T. Sargent	Derma	J. I. Adams	Sarepta
Antioch (La.)	A. F. Brasher	Sarepta	Ernest Tallent	Sarepta
Banner	D. F. Hoyle	Paris	E. S. Shaw	Banner
Bethany	J. B. Middleton	Slate Springs	J. S. Dorrah	Slate Springs
Big Creek	W. W. Simpson	Calhoun City	H. E. Murphree	Big Creek

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Bethany	J. B. Middleton	Slate Springs	J. S. Dorrah	Slate Springs
Big Creek	W. W. Simpson	Calhoun City	H. E. Murphree	Big Creek
Calhoun City	J. F. Mitchell	Calhoun City	Tilden Pryor	Calhoun City
Concord	C. H. Ellard	Vardaman	Geo. Vanlandingham	Pine Valley
Derma	J. M. Spikes	Derma	A. J. Tilghman	Derma
Duncan Hill	J. H. McGregor	Reid	I. F. Vanlandingham	Derma
Gaston Springs	J. H. McGregor	Reid	K. Morgan	Calhoun City
Macedonia	J. T. Sargent	Derma	C. B. Betterton	Calhoun City
Meridian	J. T. Sargent	Derma	E. A. Dye	Vardaman
Midway	M. C. Putnam	Calhoun City	J. T. Tedder	Vardaman
Mt. Comfort	L. F. Dorrah	Slate Springs	Mrs. D. D. Bryant	Pittsboro
Mt. Moriah	J. T. Sargent	Derma	J. E. Bratton	Sarepta
Mt. Tabor	C. H. Ellard	Vardaman	W. L. Murphree	Big Creek
New Liberty	J. T. Sargent	Derma	R. W. Brown	Vardaman
New Prospect	C. H. Ellard	Vardaman		
Old Town	J. H. McGregor	Reid	C. E. Shoemake	Pittsboro
Parker	S. E. Carter	Slate Springs	J. D. Humphries	Pine Valley
Pilgrims Rest	J. H. McGregor	Reid	M. D. Lantrip	Houlka
Pittsboro	J. M. Spikes	Derma	Lee Flanagan	Pittsboro
Pleasant Ridge	L. E. Roane	Rover Ark.,	Mrs. Laura Lantrip	Houlka
Poplar Springs	J. H. McGregor	Reid	G. B. Thomas	Vardaman
Providence	J. T. McPhail	Slate Springs	T. P. McCullouph	Vardaman
Rocky Mount	A. F. Brasher	Sarepta	H. H. Green	Reid
Shiloh	J. F. Mitchell	Calhoun City	O. T. Provine	Grenada
Spring Creek	G. W. Wright	Banner	John Kelley	Banner
Vardaman	J. F. Mitchell	Calhoun City	L. A. Sanderson	Vardaman

Church Statistics

Churches	Baptized	Received By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Died	Total Membership
Antioch		2		7	1	115
Antioch (La.)	1					17
Banner				1		54
Bethany	6	6		9	2	160
Bethel	5					164
Bentley						121
Big Creek	7	2		92		65
Calhoun City	6	14		26	4	220
College Hill	6	5		3		84
Concord	15	5	1	28	1	229
Derma	21	11		8		202
Duncan Hill	2	2		2		91
Gaston Springs	2			2		65
Macedonia	20	3		5	1	165
Meridian	5	2		5		155
Midway	17	4			1	128
Mt. Comfort		2		1		71
Mt. Moriah	1			1	1	158
Mt. Tabor	9	2		7		190
New Liberty	1		1	2		111
New Prospect	1					47
Old Town	16	4		4	1	137
Parker	12	13				57
Pilgrim's Rest	6			9		135
Pittsboro	3			9		72
Pleasant Ridge	3	1		8	1	161
Poplar Springs	26	5		2	3	204
Providence	4			3		85
Rocky Mount	10	2		5	1	204
Sarepta	2			14	3	52
Shiloh	12	1		2	1	78
Spring Creek	5	1		3		62
Turkey Creek						103
Union Grove						30
Vardaman	10	1		19	4	172
TOTAL	234	87	2	138	25	4,264

Churches

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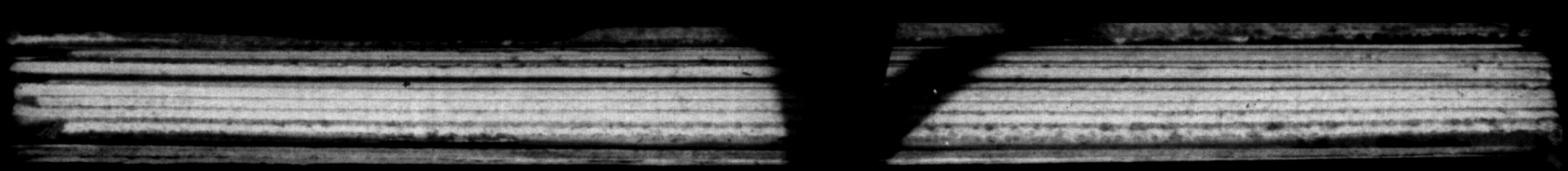
Church Budgets for 1924

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Sunday Schools	Minutes	Incidentals	Unclassified	75-Million Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Antioch (Cal)	100.00	8.00					13.80		
Antioch (La.)		10.00						2.75	
Banner		20.65		1.80			85.00		
Bethel									
Bentley									
Bethany	200.00	55.00	43.44	3.00	12.00	39.25	132.71		
Big Creek	80.00	42.50		1.00		3.00			
Mt. Comfort	75.00	15.00		2.50	11.00		3.15		
Mt. Moriah	30.00	16.50				15.00			
Mt. Tabor	50.00	80.00				3.50			6.65
New Prospect									
New Liberty	75.00	11.00		1.00					
Old Town	100.00		12.00	1.35			10:57		
Parker	100.00		10.80	3.00			30.00		
Pilgrims Rest	75.00						35.00		
Pittsboro			60.00	2.00		15.00	148.00		
Pleasant Ridge	17.75	3.75	9.00	.75					
Poplar Springs	98.12	26.50					14.00		6.00
Providence				1.00					
Calhoun City	900.00	264.86	125.00		48.00		802.19		
College Hill	125.00		20.40	1.50			83.65		
Concord	100.00	37.50		2.25			72.75		
Derma	500.00	222.50	50.00		30.00	25.00	451.47		
Duncan Hill				2.00			4.00		
Gaston Springs			3.50	1.25			14.65		
Macedonia	85.00	35.00		3.95					
Meridian	60.00		12.50	2.00			96.05		
Midway	125.00			3.15		1.00	75.00		
Rocky Mount	40.00	23.50		1.00			2.77		
Sarepta		20.00		1.00					
Shiloh	250.00	53.00	16.00	1.00			95.00		
Spring Creek		5.70		1.50				4.10	
Turkey Creek				.25					
Vardaman	300.00	41.56	55.19		40.00	24.00	37.60		

Sunday School Statistics

Name of School	Superintendent	Secretary	Post office	Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils	Diplomas	Literature	Baptized
Bethany	Rufus Hardin	Annie Bridges	Slate Springs	10	125	0	S.B.C.	0
Calhoun City	T. H. Alexander	R. A. Norman	Calhoun City	19	200	6	S.B.C.	6
Derma	G. C. Mabry	Lucile Arnold	Derma	8	154	2	S.B.C.	18
Gaston Springs	B. F. Brown	Vedar Morgan	Calhoun City	5	62	0	S.B.C.	0
Mt. Moriah	Ira Crocker	Vesta Crocker	Sarepta		50	0	S.B.C.	0
Meridian	P. A. Vanlandingham	Vara Spratlin	Vardaman	7	72	1	S.B.C.	4
New Liberty	R. W. Brown	Thelma Hollis	Vardaman	10	83	1	S.B.C.	6
Old Town	J. H. Armstrong	Dennis Murk	Pittsboro	6	75	0	S.B.C.	16
Parker	Mrs. J. D. Humphries	G. C. Miles	Pine Valley	0	40	0	S.B.C.	0
Pittsboro	A. A. Bruner	Olive Flanagan	Pittsboro	7	65	3	S.B.C.	3
Providence	T. N. Hamilton	Lorene Ward	Vardaman	7	60	0	S.B.C.	0
Pleasant Ridge	Mrs. Laura Lantrip	Joyce Henderson	Sarepta	6	75	0	S.B.C.	0
Poplar Springs	W. H. Hannaford	G. B. Thomas	Reid	6	79	0	S.B.C.	0
Shiloh	G. W. Bates	Lottie Merret	Grenada	7	50	0	S.B.C.	5
Sarepta	Jack Bridges		Sarepta	0	0	0	S.B.C.	0
Vardaman	H. B. Morrow	Anna Flemming	Vardaman	11	90	0	S.B.C.	4



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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CALHOUN COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

DERMA BAPTIST CHURCH

September 15th and 16th, 1925.

The Next Session of The Association Will Be Held With The Concord Baptist Church, Beginning at 9:00 A. M., on Tuesday After The Second Sunday in September, 1926.

Officers:

REV. C. H. ELLARD, Moderator, - - - Vardaman
E. A. DYE, Clerk, - - - - - - Vardaman
A. L. ROANE, Treasurer, - - - - - Sarepta

Executive Board Same as Officers

Roll of Churches and Delegates

Antioch (Cal.)—J. I. Adams, Hill Roane, Billie Rasberry.
Antioch (La.)—No delegates present.
Banner—W. H. McGuire, L. A. Smitth.
Bethany—J. D. Lane, Luther Bridges, Mrs. Almer Bridges.
Big Creek—
Calhoun City—Tilden Pryor, J. W. Seale, Mrs. Lottie Robinson.
Concord—S. L. Spratling, H. E. Robinson, J. L. Collins.
College Hill—W. W. Naron, Mrs. W. W. Naron.
Derma—Dr. W. J. Aycock, Mrs. G. C. Mabry, W. M. Shelton, A. J. Tilghman.
Duncan Hill—Opal Stewart, I. F. Vanlandingham.
Gaston Springs—K. Morgan, C. S. Pilgreen, C. E. Murphree.
Lantrip—
Macedonia—A. L. Lackey, J. L. Chrestman, R. E. Harrelson.
Meridian—E. A. Anglin, J. E. Roane.
Mt. Tabor—L. C. Wooten, W. L. Murphree.
Midway—A. J. Langston, W. L. Tedder, Victor Roberts.
Mt. Moriah—C. H. Riley, J. A. Crocker.
Mt. Comfort—Lonnie Tims, L. M. Collins.
New Liberty—J. V. Hollis, Mrs. J. V. Hollis.
New Providence—J. M. Griffin, J. V. Gables, E. B. Herring.
Old Town—G. W. Kilgore, J. F. Harrelson.
Parker—T. W. Spradling, J. M. Stewart, D. Inman.
Pittsboro—A. A. Bruner, J. L. Johnson.
Pilgrim's Rest—M. D. Lantrip, G. D. Collums.
Pleasant Ridge—J. W. Newman, Willie Winter
Poplar Springs—A. H. Morgan, W. H. Hannaford.
Rocky Mount—H. H. Green, Ernest Haire.
Shiloh—J. R. Cook, Miss May Provine.
Spring Creek—S. W. Davis, J. M. Kelly.
Turkey Creek—A. J. Cost, L. D. Clements.
Vardaman—J. F. Mitchell, J. E. Kimbrough.
Bentley—H. A. Cooper, Miss Clara Green.

Ordained Ministers

J. F. Mitchell, Vardaman, Miss.
J. T. McPhail, Slate Springs, Miss.
C. H. Ellard, Vardaman, Miss.
M. C. Putman, Calhoun City, Miss.
C. C. Weaver, Calhoun City, Miss.
J. B. Middleton, Slate Springs, Miss.
J. H. McGregor, Reid, Miss.
L. E. Roane, Calhoun City, Miss.
A. F. Brasher, Sarepta, Miss.
J. T. Sargent, Derma, Miss.
S. E. Carter, Slate Springs, Miss.
W. W. Simpson, Calhoun City, Miss.
Fernando Haire, Pittsboro, Miss.
J. J. Hallums, Calhoun City, Miss.
J. L. Roane, Water Valley, Miss.
E. E. Lunceford, Slate Springs, Miss.
W. L. Bridges, Slate Springs, Miss.
D. L. Hill, Vardaman, Miss.

MINUTES

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Calhoun County Baptist Association convened in its 50th Annual Session with the Derma church Tuesday morning, September 15th, 1925. Devotional services were conducted by Bro. W. H. McGuire, reading 8 verses of the 18th chapter of Luke, after which the moderator called the body to order.

Moderator appointed L. E. Clements, E. L. Williams and E. E. Lunceford as a committee on Digest of Letters. By motion, the Association went into an election of officers for the ensuing year by acclamation, which resulted in the election of Rev. C. H. Ellard, moderator; E. A. Dye, clerk, and A. L. Roane, treasurer,

Just at this time the moderator recognized Rev. D. H. Crowson, of the local Methodist church, who delivered a most splendid address, extending the hospitality of his people and

paying a high tribute to the Baptist people of Calhoun County, and especially to her Baptist ministers. This body desires to commend Bro. Crowson for his unbiased mind and untiring efforts in the moral and spiritual uplift of our county.

Bro. Luther Bridges was appointed Finance Committeeman.

Called for corresponding delegates when W. C. Stewart, J. W. Hamilton, T. J. Latimoore, A. C. Furr and W. P. Winter were welcomed. Motion to suspend regular order of business for introductory sermon by the appointee, Rev, S. E. Carter; using the 14th verse of the 6th chapter of Galatians, as a text. Motion to adjourn one hour for refreshments. Dismissed by Rev. J. F. Mitchell.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together by singing. By motion, Lantrip church was received into the body and its delegates seated on condition that they adopt Articles of Faith similar to that of other churches constituting this body.

Called for report on Sunday Schools, read by the clerk and discussed by Revs. J. T. Sargeant, J. T. McPhail, L. E. Roane, C. C. Weaver, A. F. Brasher and Bro. J. M. Kelley, and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by Mrs. W. G. Baldwin and discussed by Revs. J. T. McPhail, W. C. Stewart, W. W. Simpson, A. A. Bruner, and adopted. At this time a collection amounting to $106.00 was taken to help pay expenses of Rev. W. W. Simpson at Clarke College.

Report on Orphanage, read by Bro. J. L. Collins, discussed by J. T. McPhail and adopted.

Report on W. M. U. read by the clerk and discussed by Miss Traylor, and adopted.

Motion to adjourn until 9:00 a. m., Wednesday morning. Dismissed by Rev. A. F. Brasher.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Association came together at 9:00 a. m., by singing. Devotional service conducted by Moderator. Called for reading of Minutes—read and adopted.

Report on Christian Education read by Bro. A. A. Bruner, and discussed by A. A. Bruner, L. E. Roane, J. F. Mitchell, and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read by C. C. Weaver, and adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by W. L. Bridges, and adopted.

Report on State Missions read by Rev. L. E. Roane, discussed by Revs. C. C. Weaver, J. T. McPhail, J. B. Middleton, E. E. Ballard, and adopted.

Motion to adjourn one hour for refreshments. Dismissed by Bro. Harvey Gray.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together by singing; prayer by Rev. S. E. Carter.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters was read by the clerk, and adopted.

Report on Prohibition read by A. F. Brasher, discussed by S. T. Hawkins, L. E. Roane, A. F. Brasher, and adopted.

Report on Religious Literature read by Rev. J. F. Mitchell, discussed by Revs. R. L. Breland, S. E. Carter, Bro. A. A. Bruner and adopted.

Report on Hospitals read by Rev. L. E. Roane, and adopted.

Report of Finance Committeeman read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Clerk was instructed to have the Constitution of the Association printed in Minutes. By motion the Association adjourned to meet with Concord church, Tuesday after the Second Sunday in September, 1926, at 9:00 a. m.

C. H. ELLARD, Moderator,
E. A. DYE, Clerk,
A. L. ROANE, Treasurer.

Reports

Christian Education

It is almost impossible to maintain Christian Education in the absence of a Christian College—in fact, they are the greatest asset to Christian Educaion we have. Therefore it behooves us to see to it that our Colleges are free from any trace of infidelity and that they teach the WHOLE Bible, from the first chaper of Genesis to the last chapter in Revelations.

When all our people can wake up to the fact that it is so necessary to give their children a Christian education, then it is that our churches will flourish with new life, and our colleges will be supported and held up before the world as something worthwhile. If all our teachers in our public schools were devout christians, our public schools would be a strong asset to Christian Education.

In this day when our Bible is being scoffed at as not being the true word of God, it is high time we were wide awake on the job. The anti-Bible campaign waged by the Jews and Roman Catholics to forbid the use of the Holy Bible in our public schools was marked by a temporary injunction obtained by the Jews and Cathoilcs in East Liverpool, Ohio, on the 21st of August, to restrain the Board of Education from the use of the Bible. Every school room in the world needs the Bible in daily use. This Amageddon into which we are now entering is the final world conflict —light against darkness; truth against falsehood; Christ against anti-Christ; Heaven against hell, and God's people must now stand up and be counted, since there is and can be no middle ground.

The beast (Pope) is now pushing the nations and with amazing boldness is bellowing about the capitals of the earth for recognition and power over the rights of the lovers of truth and righteousness. This world is now in the throes of mortal conflict. We cannot afford to trifle with our opportunities. We must not fall down under the great responsibility. Some of our people are blind and are leading the blind. We call upon all men and women everywhere to doff their kid gloves and enter this warfare, for

there is no peace till the beast and the false prophet and Jewry are no more.

—The Pittsboro Church.

Ministerial Education

Our theme for this occasion is Ministerial Education. Educate means to develop, draw out and cultivate the dormant faculties in the recesses of the soul. Minister means to serve. Then Ministerial Education means to be educated for divine services. We remember that the prophets and priests and teachers of ancient times were schooled and educated to serve their people and country. We, today, educate people for every vocation of life, but some still cling to the idea that preachers do not need an education, when they need it more than any other leader or public class of people. The great need of this world today is a proper knowledge of things present and things to come. When Solomon ascended the throne, he asked the Lord for wisdom and knowledge, and the Lord told him inasmuch as he had asked this more than any previous King, he would grant this, and in addition, wealth and fame that no man before nor after, would ever possess.

We remember the first great leader, Moses, was an educated man in all the Egyptian schools; and so were Daniel and Paul.

We don't make the necessary preparation for our various vocations in life is the reason so many fail. We should lay well, the foundation—accumulate a great store of knowledge that we might learn how to impart to others. Education means to draw out, and an educated person can simplify. We cannot multiply, subdue nor replinish without a proper knowledge of the things of the world.

We today, educate the lower animals to serve us and think very little of Ministerial support. We would not think of living in a country where there were no religious influences, but some contribute very scantily for this great cause.

We have lots of church folks today who divest themselves of all minerals and metals before being baptized, and as a result, never contribute much to the Kingdom work.

Christ commissioned His Apostles and told them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. "How can they hear with-

out a preacher and how can he preach except he be sent." God, today does His kingdom work through human agencies and said they that preach the Gospel, shall live of the Gospel; and that the laborer is worthy of his hire and that thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.

The Kingdom of God must go and it is up to the Christian people who are God's witnesses to carry it; to teach men to repent toward God and exercise faith in Jesus Christ; to teach them the fatherhood of God, diety of Christ and brotherhood of man; happiness of believers and doom of sinners. We are not our own; we are bought with a price and are only in possession of the things of the world which we should use for the Glory of God and the upbuilding of His kingdom. If not from a spiritual, it is better from a moral standpoint to be liberal. But God says, "Give and it shall be given; try me and I will pour out a blessing that you shall not be able to contain. All the promises in the scripture are for God's people and the unrighteous only await their lamentable doom.

We should spare no time nor means for the furtherance of the coming Kingdom. Educate our young people that they may carry the message to the lost world and command men everywhere to repent, and "how shall we escape if we neglect so great salation?" How can they hear without a preacher and how can he preach except he be sent?"

Report on W. M. U. Work

Just before Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, He gave His followers what is now known as The Great Command—"Go ye, into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and again, he said: "Ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judeah, Samaria, and to the utmost parts of the earth."

For hundreds of years, Christians seemed to ignore the command of our Savior, and accept His love and salvation, never realizing that millions were "bound in the dark prison-house of sin, with no one to tell them of the Savior or of the life He died for them to win." But at last, Southern Bapist women realized their duty toward God; their responsibility to the lost and their happy privilege in helping to send the Light to others, and the Woman's Missionary Union was organized in 1888 in Richmand, Virginia. "We are laborers together with God," is the W. M. U. motto and during the 36 years since the organization of the Un-

ion, it has grown so fast that in 1924 there were more than 11,000 Womans' Missionary Societies in the South. During that time, the W. M. U., has raised more than $75,000,000 for Home and Foreign Missions, Training Schools and other objects.

What is a W. M. U, did I hear you ask? Well, it is the missionary organization of a Baptist Church. It is the church studying missions, contributing to missions, praying for missionary enerprises. Oh, that all christians would pray more!

The chief aims of the Woman's Missionary Union are:

1st. Prayer. At least 6 times under various conditions Christ commanded His desciples to pray. He set the example and gave a model prayer to his followers. Therefore the W. M. U., urges prayer, the maintenance of family alters; the regular use of the calender of prayer for our missionaries; (found in "Royal Service") Daily united prayer for victory for our 1925 program; cottage prayer meetings; the observance of a week of prayer in January, for the world-wide mission, and a week of prayer in March, for Home Missions.

2nd. The W. M. U. insists upon Bible study. We must study the Bible if we would know the authority for all missionary endeavor. For that reason the W. M. U. emphasizes daily Bible reading, Bible study in one of the monthly meetings of the W. M. U., and then there are special Bible study courses given once each year.

3rd. The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Societies a long time ago, realized that everyone should have missionary training. To meet that need they have fostered a Sunbeam Band for children from 3 to 10 years old, and a place of training for boys from 11 to 16 years old, called "Royal Ambassadors" and a "Girl's Auxiliary" for girls 11 to 16 years old and then a "Young Woman's Auxiallary" for girls from 17 to 25 years. In these organizations the younger ones are instructed as to Baptist Mission fields, the need of Missions, scriptual teaching concerning missions and they are given opportunity to contribute to missions and study and pray together. The members of the W. M. U., strive to enlist all the younger people, children and especially all members of the Baptist church in Missionary enterpprises.

4th. In order that members of all W. M. U. organizations shall intelligently know about our mission fields, their temporal

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and spiritual needs, their location and our duty to them, a study course is provided. The course consists of a set of books on Home and Foreign Missions, Stewardship, and Bible Study. Each organization is urged to study at least one book each year.

5th. The W. M. U. knowing that personal service is christ-like, living in one's own community, tries to reach the oppressed and needy and unsaved in every community by organized personal efforts. Its members stand for general public welfare, civic laws, health, social betterment in every way and especially the mental and spiritual improvement of the people. A number of associational W. M. U's. send girls to school; others support one or more missionaries, and still others support a Bible woman in China, or a blind girl in our home in Canton, China. All this is organized personal service. In our own association, though we had no part in it, Vera Lee was educated in Blue Mountain College through the organized effort of the other counties.

In this Association there are only five Woman's Missionary Unions, and here are 32 churches. For training the younger people there are only two "Sunbeam Bands" and one "Girl's Auxiliary." Are we Missionary Baptists in name only? God help us that we may be in deeds, also!

Fellow Christians, on the wings of imagination, go back 1900 years and there on Mt. Calvary, see Christ as He hangs on the cross. Hear Him in bitterest agony, crying, "My God! My God! Why hast thou forsaken me?" And then hear Him say "It is finished," and bear in mind that He means He has paid the full price for your redemption and remember that "Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price." There on that tree He has paid the sin price for thee. Henceforward, you are to be under the command of the King—your King, for He has bought you with a price—and oh, such a price! Your King says, "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Today, if ye hear my voice, harden not your hearts." "How shall we escape if we neglect" to obey?

Every church in this Association ought to have a W. M. U. in it. Your associational Superintendent will be glad to help you and God will bless you in your efforts for Him. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name" He has given His promise to own and bless.

Report on Orphanage

Our Baptist Orphanage located at Jackson, Miss., is meeting a great need in our state in caring for dependent and helpless children. For more than 25 years the Orphanage has been taking care of, educating and training dependent, neglected and helpless children, many of whom are the children of broken down mothers, and indigent and afflicted fathers.

Our Orphanage has done a splendid work for more than 11 hundred of these helpless children making it possible for them to escape much suffering that would necessarily have followed; developing the children under the wise management of the Supt., and helpers into good citizens, and independent bread winners; and have saved many homes from ultimate ruin by taking the children of helpless and afflicted parents for such a time as was necessary for these parents to regain their health, and get on their feet and reestablish their homes and go on in the normal way.

We feel that our Orphanage work is worthy as a Christian institution, and should elicit our interest, our prayers and our financial support. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and our employees there are dependent on the Baptists of Mississippi, for money necessary for the upkeep of the home, for the feeding, clothing and schooling on an average of 175 children each year.

We would recommend that the people of our association continue their donations of money, clothing for boys and girls, groceries of all kinds, pencils, tablets, soap, bed linen, hose, shoes, plenty of syrup and anything that can be used in the ordinary home, for children.

We would also suggest that our people watch out for the free cars and take advantage of them in sending in their box donations, together with all kinds of farm produce.

We learn from the management that the general health of the children has been good, and that the children are taking commendable interest in their mental, and religious training.

We commend our Orphanage to our people, and ask that we pray that the guiding and protecting hand of our Father be over the children, and the management.

Religious Literature

We, your committee, would submit the following—Religious Literature is indispensible to the welfare and development of christian people. We

would, therefore, recommend the Baptist Record, the Orphanage Gem, and the Home and Foreign Fields. The Bible should be read by every christtian for in it we find God's will concerning us and the way of advancement in the Kingdom of God. Those who read and see what is to be done, are likely to do so. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Respectfully submitted,

Shiloh Church.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital

Our hospital is nearing the close of its fifteenth year and the work has developed amazingly since its origin. During that time it has cared for hundreds of patients. The free work alone running into thousands of dollrs combined with the free services of its doctors in the relief of suffering humanity.

At present we have about completed our $50,000.00 Nurses' Home. We will owe a balance of $27,000.00 on the building, and we are badly in need of funds to furnish this building, which will cost within the neighborhood of $7,000.00 to furnish rooms, living room and chapel. Our work has increased so rapidly that we are badly in need of a new wing to include a Clinical Laboratory, Physio Therapy department and out-patient department, pharmacy and delivery room, so that we may keep abreast with the medical profession in a scientific way.

We have 43 bed rooms, one living room, one Matron's office, three dens, one kitchenette and one chapel. The furniture we need for the bed rooms (They are designed for two in a room) is twin beds, (prefer metal mahogany), two mattresses, two pillows, two chairs, one dresser, one bedside table, one reading lamp, two rugs, two blankets, eight sheets, two pillow cases, three scarfs, two shades and curtains. The approximate cost of furnishing a bed room, as mentioned, would be $150.00, or probably a little less if bought all together. The living room should be furnished with good substantial modern furniture, including a sectional book case, for approximately $500.00. If each hospital auxiliary could see their way clear to furnish a room or get someone interested in doing so, it will be quite a help and a splendid thing for them to do for the nurses, for they give their services for the benefit of suffering humanity and deserve at least a comfortable place to rest, and we are not asking for any luxuries for them.

—Old Town Church.

Report on Home Missions

The Home Mission Board presented its eightieth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Memphis, Tennessee. Eighty years of service by this board since its organization in 1845 constitute a real romance in Home Missions. Through many vicissitudes and steady and unvarying purpose for the salvation of the lost and the up-building of the Kingdom of our Southland, the Home Mission Board presents an unbroken history of fidelity and spiritual conquest.

It has been for Southern Baptists the one great constructive, co-operative and unifying agency. It has been the foster-mother of our weaker enterprises, the founder and support of thousands of our churches and the forerunner of most all our State Conventions and a stimulating factor in their organization and progress.

The Board in its report presented a significant comparison as follows:

1845 to 1903—Money Raised, $3,520,000; Missionaries, 10,586; Stations, 39,973; Baptisms, 82,742; Churches Organized, 3,649.

1903 to 1924—Money Raised, $13,731,965.99; Missionaries, 27,468; Stations, 72,829; Baptisms, 642,492; Churches Organized, 4,524.

For the last twenty-five years the advance in Home Missions has been at times remarkable and always continuous and healthy. It reached its highest point in 1920, the first year of the 75 Million Campaign. Since that time, due to various causes but chiefly to the falling off in receipts, the Board has made severe and drastic retrenchment in many phases of its work. In some instances such severe retrenchment has brought the work to the verge of calamity. The Board has had to stand still in the face of countless calls and unwonted opportunities. Fields ripe for the harvest have cried out for the sickle of the reaper and the Board has not been able to thrust laborers sufficient into harvest fields to garner the grain.

At the recent annual meeting in June, on account of the heavy and burdensome debt, the Board had to still further retrench. Enlargement on the contrary, is called for in every direction:

First. In an increase of forces; second, in better equipment. The Board has need for at least fifty capable young women and as many men in the field at home and a half dozen young women for Cuba.

In equipment the needs are even greater. For school buildings in El Paso, Texas, and Havana, Cuba; the enlargement and better equipment of our thirty mountain schools; at least fifty chapels in the homeland and Cuba and Panama. The greatest need of the Board just now is a mighty

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increase in financial receipts to lift the heavy burden of debt and prepare for the recovery of lost ground and to enter new fields that are white unto harvest. Notwithstanding the retrenchments made, the Board presents a year of wonderful results:

With 1,077 missionaries, they report 49,218 churches and stations occupied; 2,381 sermons and addresses; 30,027 additions by baptism; 4,896 by letter; total additions 50,354; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or improved; 608 Sunday Schools organized; distributed 12,995 Bibles and Testaments.

The Home Mission field was never so great and urgent as now. To save our own land is a condition of saving the lost in distant lands. Home missions furnish the great base of supplies for the work at home and afar.

Let's remember the Board and all its work in our prayers and come with greater liberality in our gifts!

Report on Relief and Annuity Board

The report of the Relief and Annuity Board for the last Convention year closed May 1st, 1925, was one of the fairly good years in the Board's history, notwithstanding the great financial depression and shortage of receipts.

The relief beneficiaries received during the year $127,021.35; the beneficiaries of the Annuity Fund received $10,103.58, making a total of $137,124.93, which is more than the Board has paid out in benefits in any one year.

The Board repeated itself last December in sending out Christmas checks to beneficiaries, the amounts ranging from $5.00 to $10.00 each, according to the circumstances. The Board hopes to make this an annual habit.

The Board is now carrying on its roll 1086 beneficiaries; 600 aged ministers, 386 widows and about 100 orphan children.

The Board is also rendering aid to states which are wholly unable to provide for their retired preachers. It is spending thousands of dollars annually in this specific kind of aid. There was but little hope for a large class of dependent preachers until the Relief and Annuity Board was organized. The total amount donated to these states within the period of five years during the 75 Million Campaign was $53,838.72.

The great, immediate, and all but desperate need of this Board is a fund that will yield for general relief alone $100,000.00 per year in addition to what the Board would get from the regular budget. This statement has

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been made over and over again through our denominational press for the past two years. It is the one outstanding, glaring need of our Board, and should not be difficult of attainment. We must continue to press this particular need. The Board can never begin to do the adequate thing until this fund is obtained. If some of our rich people could only see their way to make some large gifts to this Board, or to remember us in their wills.

Every minister, of course, knows that sooner or later, if he lives, he will have to retire to private life. It is sweet and assuring to know that when the time comes he can do so without being the humiliated object of charity; that he can still hold up his head and walk with self-respect among his brethren of the calling, because there has been provided by the gratitude and thoughtfulness and generosity of the people he served, at least a small competence to supplement his own meager means, so that in the latter days of his earthly life he will not have to eke out a bare existence. Now, what we are trying to do is to bring just such a situation into our Southern Baptist ministry. The new plan, when once in operation, will absolutely do that.

—BANNER CHURCH.

Report on Prohibition

Prohibition is not a new subject. The definition of prohibition is: to prohibit one from doing wrong or hurting others.

The framers of the Government made a mistake in allowing whisky to be made and sold in the United States. It saw that it would not do to sell it to the Indians and insane persons, and forbade it. The religious leaders saw it was wrong for it to be used as a beverage, as it dams the soul of those who use it and causes untold suffering and heart aches, so they began to condemn it, as there were not enough to vote it out of the Union. They began to vote it out by local option in towns, cities, districts and states. Finally by an amendment to the constitution, it was abolished from the United States. There hasn't been any liscence issued in Calhoun County since 1885. The reason is, the Board wouldn't grant them. But a great deal of whiskey making and boot legging has been done. More whiskey stills have been caught and destroyed, probably than in any other county in the state. This shows that our officers have done their duties. We have had three of the best sheriffs of any county in the state, viz: J. W. Wright, C. R. Young, and S. T. Hawkins, who have done their duty, with their faithful deputies, and doubtless there is less whiskey in Calhoun than any

other county in the state.

Respectffully submitted,
—MT. MORIAH CHURCH.

The Good of Sunday Schools

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the Church, to win souls to Christ and to train them in christian service. The Sunday School lays the foundation upon which all the organizations within the working church, build. A Bible studying church is a giving, living, growing and going church.

Here are a few reasons why a church needs a Sunday School:

1. It needs a department of education. To have strong christians, the child, the youth and adult must be instructed in the facts and the doctrines of the Bible. 2. It needs a work shop. There is no other department of the church where everyone old or young, can so effectively be kept at work. The Church needs needs a place to develop Bible teachers. This is being supplied now in a most satisfactory way through the Sunday School. 4. It needs an evangelizing agency. Whatever may be said of other methods of evangelizing, the Sunday School seems to present the normal way. It takes the child at birth and instructs and develops him as he grows, from period to period, from infancy to adult life. It is reported that eighty-five per cent of the Christians come to Christ through the Sunday School. What is better than to meet and study the great teachings of God—to learn more of our Savior?

To the Christian, Christ is all and in all. His name rises above every human name. His life is the model life. His worth overshadows the world's wealth. His light dispels darkness; "there is no condemnation for them who are in Christ Jesus." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me though he die, yet shall he live."

—MERIDIAN CHURCH.

Report on Nominations

We, your committee on Nominations beg to submit the following, viz:

We recommend that the next session of the Association convene with Concord Church; that Rev. J. B. Middleton preach the introductory sermon, Rev. L. E. Roane, alternate.

We recommend that Rev. S. E. Carter represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. L E. Roane, alternate. We recommend that Bro.

Tilden Pryor be appointed organizer of this county; Rev. L. E. Roane, Secretary. We further recommend that the officers of this Association be elected as the executive board.

S. T. Hawkins, A. F. Brasher, W. L. Bridges.

Committee Assignments

Foreign Missions, Pittsboro; Home Missions, Derma; State Missions, Bethany; Sunday Schools, Calhoun City; Christian Education, Meridian; The Relief and Annuity Board, Concord; The Mississippi Baptist Schools, Poplar Springs; Prohibition, Pleasant Ridge; Orphanage, Shiloh; Ministerial Education, Old Town; Hospitals, Vardaman; Religious Literature, Banner; W. M. U., Macedonia; B. Y. P. U., Big Creek.

Resolutions

We the Calhoun County Baptist Association desire to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation, not only to the Derma Baptist Church, but to the town also, for their very excellent hospitality shown during this session of the Association.

C. H. ELLARD, Moderator,
E. A. DYE, Clerk,
A. L. ROANE, Treasurer.

Memorial Page

Antioch (Cal.)—Grafton Ivy.
Antioch (La.)—W. L. Phillips.
Bethany—J. A. Mitchell
Concord—Aggie Bennette, Calhoun City; W. H. Vanlandingham, Memphis; W. E. Webb, Pittsboro.
Calhoun City—J. E. Martin, Calhoun City.
Derma—Mrs. W. J. White, J. F. Martin, J. H. Powell.
Duncan Hill—Mrs. Mary Ramage.
Gaston Springs—G. W. Moorman.
Mt. Tabor—Mrs. Mary Anne Parker.
Macedonia—J. T. Morgan.
Meridian—Carl Porter, Mrs. J. T. Dye.
Mt. Comfort—J. L. Landreth.
Midway—S. M. Hitomer.
New Prospect—Mrs. C. G. Wells, Mrs Sarah E. Ward.
Old Town—Mrs. J. J. Ford.
Parker—Mrs. P. I. Mays.
Pleasant Ridge—Inez Turner.
Pittsboro—Rev. J. A. Killingsworth.
Poplar Springs—J. J. Nolan, E. F. Nolan.
Sarepta—Mrs. M. C. Barnes.
Springs Creek—J. A. Davis, Mrs. Laura Henderson.
Turkey Creek—Miss Inez Newman, Luther Box.

Treasurer's Report

Antioch (Cal.)	$ 12.68
Antioch (La.)	4.25
Banner	59.45
Concord	50.50
Derma	113.20
College Hill	13.00
Duncan Hill	4.15
Gaston Springs	8.00
Midway	18.66
Mt. Tabor	18.95
Old Town	8.00
Poplar Springs	12.10
Sarepta	8.40
Spring Creek	4.50
Pilgrims Rest	15.50
Turkey Creek	12.00
Rocky Mount	17.00
Pittsboro	103.00
Mt. Moriah	43.00
Meridian	54.50
Pleasant Ridge	29.62
Macedonia	6.75
Vardaman	26.50
Shiloh	69.65
Total	$711.3

Disbursements—

Paid Dr. R. B. Gunter $711.36

A. L. ROANE, Treasurer.

Constitution of the Calhoun County Baptist Association

ADOPTED 1904.

ARTICLE I—

This body shall be known as the Calhoun County Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.—

The object of this Association shall be to organize and digest operative system of measures to promote the general interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in all the world, especially in its own bounds.

ARTICLE III.—

The Association shall be composed of Baptist ministers in good standing and fellowship, who pastor one or more churches and whose membership is within the borders of this Association; also three delegates sent by each of the Baptist churches in Calhoun and surrounding counties which now compose this Association, and which are known as per names hereto attached; provided that this Association, by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, may at any time, withdraw from or grant letters of dismission to any of said churches and in like manner, may receive and grant letters of dismission to and withdraw from any other church of like faith and order.

ARTICLE IV.—

This Association shall never possess any power or authority over any church, but adhere to the scriptural principal that each church is sovereign and independent.

ARTICLE V.—

The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Board, who shall be elected annually (composed of three members to be chosen by nominating) composing this Association, who shall hold his office till his successor shall be elected.

ARTICLE VI.—

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at such time and place as Association may select by majority vote, and in like manner may adopt such rules, resolutions and by-laws as it may see proper to do.

ARTICLE VII.—

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting of this Association.

Adopted September 21, 1904.

Churches, Pastors and Clerks

Churches	Pastors	Post Office	Clerks	Post Office
Antioch (Cal.)	L. F. Dorroh	Slate Springs	J. I. Adams	Sarepta
Antioch (La.)	Andy Hill	Tula, Miss.	E. Tallent	Sarepta
Banner	D. F. Hoyle	Paris, Miss.	E. S. Shaw	Banner
Bentley	S. E Carter	Slate Springs	H. A. Cooper	Hohenlinden
Bethany	J. B. Middleton	Slate Springs	J. S. Dorroh	Slate Springs
Big Creek	W. W. Simpson		H. E. Murphree	Big Creek

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Big Creek	W. W. Simpson		H. E. Murphree	Big Creek
Calhoun City	C. C. Weaver	Calhoun City,	J. M. Chrestman	Calhoun City,
College Hill	J. T. Sargeant	Derma	N. S. Reese	Woodland
Concord	C. H. Ellard	Vardaman	Geo. Van	Pine Valley
Derma			A. J. Tilghman	Derma
Duncan Hill	J. H. McGregor	Reid	I. F. Vanlandingham	Vardaman
Gaston Springs	J. H. McGregor	Reid	K. Morgan	Calhoun City,
Macedonia	L. F. Dorroh	Slate Springs	J. E. Simpson	Calhoun City,
Meridian	J. T. Sargeant	Derma	E. A. Dye	Vardaman
Midway	M. C. Putman	Calhoun City,	J. T. Tedder	Vardaman
Mt. Comfort	L. F. Dorroh	Slate Springs	Vallie Burgess	Pittsboro
Mt. Moriah	A. F. Brasher	Sarepta	W. P. Harrelson	Sarepta
Mt. Tabor	L. F. Dorroh	Calhoun City,	W. L. Murphree	Calhoun City,
New Liberty	J. F. Mitchell	Vardaman	R. W. Brown	Vardaman
New Providence	S. E Carter	Slate Springs	T. P. McCullough	Vardaman
Old Town	J. H. McGregor	Reid	J. F. Harrelson	Pittsboro
Parker	S. E Carter	Slate Springs	Mrs. J. D. Humphries	Pine Valley
Pittsboro	Jack Bridges	Newton	W. L. Flanagan	Pittsboro
Pilgrims Rest	J. H. McGregor	Reid	M. D. Lantrip	Houlka
Pleasant Ridge	A. F. Brasher	Sarepta	Mrs. L. Lantrip	Houlka
Poplar Springs	J. H. McGregor	Reid	G. B. Thomas	Vardaman
Rocky Mount	A. F. Brasher	Sarepta	L. E. McGregor	Reid
Sarepta	C. H. Ellard	Vardaman	B. L. Cooper	Houlka
Shiloh	J. F. Mitchell	Vardaman	J. P. Cook	Grenada
Spring Creek	J. M. Wells	Paris, Miss.	J. M. Kelley	Sarepta
Turkey Creek	J. L. Roane	Water Valley	L. D. Clements	Pine Valley
Vardaman	J. F. Mitchell	Vardaman	L. A. Sanderson	Vardaman
Lantrip			B. F. Howell	Sarepta

Church Statistics

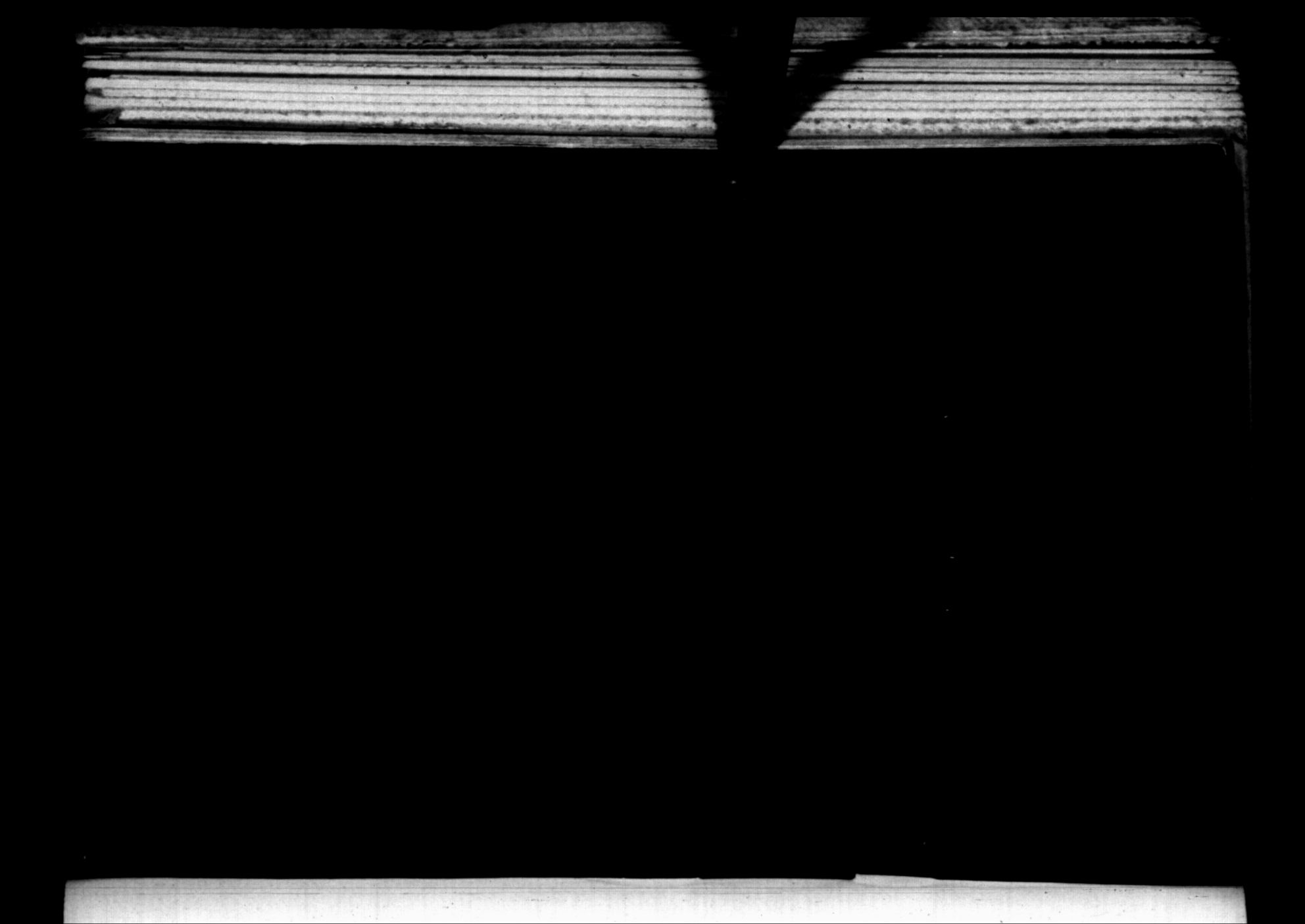
Churches	Days of Meeting	Baptized	Received By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Died	Total Membership
Antioch (Cal.)	4th Sun.	8	1		2	1	118
Antioch (La.)		3				1	19
Banner	1st Sun.	20	1		1		74
Bentley	4th Sun.	2			1		25
Bethel							164
Bethany	2nd Sun.	10	30		10	1	186
Big Creek							65
Calhoun City	Every S.	17	32		12	1	256
College Hill		1	3		2		86
Concord	3rd Sun.	23	11		11	3	249
Derma	1st & 3rd	18	10		10	3	219
Duncan Hill		6	3		8	1	87
Gaston Springs	1st Sun.	4			11	1	47
Macedonia	3rd Sun.	3	2		6	1	118
Meridian	2nd Sun.	4	2		18	2	140
Midway	1st Sun.	2		1	3	1	127
Mt. Comfort	4th Sun.	5	2		1	1	76
Mt. Moriah		18	2	1	7		166
Mt. Tabor		1			6	1	54
New Liberty	3rd Sun.				5	1	105
New Providence	4th Sun.	2			1	2	84
Old Town	3rd Sun.	3	2		7	1	136
Parker		10	1			1	68
Pilgrims Rest	2nd Sun.	7			2		140
Pittsboro	3rd Sun.	3	1	2	5	1	72
Pleasant Ridge	1st Sun.	15	11		5	1	182
Poplar Springs	4th Sun.	4	9		1	2	204
Rocky Mount	2nd Sun.	9	1		5		209
Sarepta	1st Sun.		4		4	1	51
Shiloh	2nd Sun.	8	1		2		83
Spring Creek		2	1		5	2	37
Turkey Creek	4th Sun.	8	2		3	2	81
Union Grove							30
Vardaman	1st Sun.		9		13		114
Lantrip							22
Totals		216	161	4	177	32	3894

Church Budgets for 1925

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Sunday Schools	Minutes	Incidentals	Missions	Home Missions
Antioch (Cal.)	75.00			1.50		12.98	
Antioch (La.)	23.00			1.80			4.25
Banner		38.20		2.00	15.18	59.45	
Bentley	75.00			2.05			
Bethany	200.00	56.00	28.00	5.00	26.60	250.00	
Big Creek							
Calhoun City	1291.63	261.33		4.00	108.72	279.05	255.00
College Hill	125.00		15.00	1.50		13.00	
Concord	150.00	53.00				50.00	
Derma	500.00	150.00	153.37	2.50	125.00	113.50	126.00
Duncan Hill	75.00	11.18		1.00		4.15	
Gaston Springs		11.50		1.15		8.00	
Macedonia	100.00	24.60		2.85		6.75	
Meridian	140.00	50.00	13.80	1.90		54.50	
Midway	125.00			3.25		18.66	
Mt. Comfort	75.00	10.00	6.65	1.55		2.25	
Mt. Moriah	75.00	26.92	12.50	1.00			
Mt. Tabor	84.00	25.00	4.00	3.00	259.00	18.90	
New Liberty	75.00	5.00	15.00	1.10		9.00	
New Providence	100.00	31.00		3.00		20.65	
Old Town	100.00	5.00	15.00	1.25	30.00	8.00	
Parker	122.50	30.00		3.00	25.00	37.50	
Pilgrims Rest	75.00	30.00				15.50	
Pittsboro	180.00	100.00	7.00	2.50	190.00	103.10	
Pleasant Ridge		26.30	13.58			46.60	
Poplar Springs	88.00		15.00	1.65		18.47	
Rocky Mount	40.00	15.00		1.25			22.50
Sarepta	50.00			1.15		8.40	
Shiloh	250.00	170.85	15.00	2.50	27.50	72.00	30.00
Spring Creek		5.00		1.50		9.50	
Turkey Creek		41.95		1.12	12.00	12.00	
Vardaman	300.00	80.00	23.09	1.75	40.00	26.05	

Sunday School Statistics

Name of School	Superintendent	Secretary	Post Office	Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils	Diplomas	Literature	Baptized
Banner	W. H. McGuire	L. Lindsey	Banner	7	74		S.B.C.	
Bethany	L. Bridges	E. Lane	Slate Springs		85	2	S.B.C.	7
Calhoun City	Tilden Pryor	L. L. Pryor	Calhoun City	17	217	8	S.B.C.	14
College Hill	N. S. Reese	W. W. Naron	Derma		40		S.B.C.	1
Derma	L. G. Hollis	Lucille Arnold	Derma	10		5	S.B.C.	18
New Liberty	R. L. Starks	Mrs. J. V. Hollis	Vardaman	8	67	1	S.B.C.	
Concord	E. L. Williams	W. L. Edwards	Pittsboro	6			S.B.C.	7
Meridian	C. E. Spratlin	E. A. Anglin	Vardaman	8	70	1	S.B.C.	4
Mt. Moriah	W. P. Harrelson	Clara Cook	Sarepta	7	125		S.B.C.	8
Mt. Comfort	O. A. Cleveland	L. Cleveland	Pittsboro	6	65		S.B.C.	5
Old Town	J. F. Harrelson			7	57		S.B.C.	
Pleasant Ridge	Mrs. L. Lantrip	Joyce Henderson	Sarepta	7	60	2	S.B.C.	6
Poplar Springs	W. H. Hannaford	G. B. Thomas	Vardaman	6	81		S.B.C.	
Pittsboro	H. W. Hannaford	Eudie Murff	Pittsboro	9	91		S.B.C.	
Parker	G. C. Miles	Effie Joblin	Pine Valley	4	40		S.B.C.	
Sarepta	B. L. Cooper	B. F. Brantley	Sarepta	5	48		S.B.C.	
Shiloh	J. W. Bates	H. Clark	Grenada	7	87		S.B.C.	3



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